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1. [redacted], Chairman of GMIC, [redacted] GMD/SI, and [redacted] met with Messrs. Belieu, Lehrer, Smith and Deachman of the Senate Space Committee staff to brief them on the intelligence community position on the "dark satellite". [redacted] explained that the GMIC position is that this object could be either part of a U.S. satellite, an object put into orbit by the Soviets or a natural object. The Committee gives equal weight to these three alternatives. Mr. Lehrer raised a question concerning a NEW YORK TIMES article of 11 February quoting statements by Defense officials on Soviet failures and salvo firings. It was suggested that he consult the Defense Department on this. Following the meeting, two copies of the Comparative Estimate Chart (8 1/2 X 11) were returned by the Committee. This leaves the Committee with two copies, one with the corrected copy of the transcript and another which Mr. Lehrer said was in his safe.

2. Delivered to Mr. Washow, in the office of Congressman Robert W. Kastenmeier (D., Wis.), material on chemical, bacteriological and radiological warfare. [redacted]

3. Messrs. Beresford and Sheldon were given a briefing by [redacted] on the intelligence community's position with regard to the "dark satellite". They were most appreciative of this information adding that Admiral Raburn was expected to brief the Committee on this on Monday.